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## EXTEMPOREAN PREACHING.

The following extracts from an article on preaching, in the Christian Examiner for May, will be read with interest by that portion of our readers for whom they are designed:

It is becoming an important practical question whether the power of the pulpit would be promoted by the more frequent introduction of extemporean preaching. Before the Protestant Reformation, written sermons were almost unknown. In England they were established in the reign of Henry VIII, as a safeguard against imprudence of speech or heresy of doctrine. They coincided with the subsequent intellectual character of Protestantism, and elaborate discourses from accomplished scholars soon displaced the off-hand harangues of raving friars. Charles II. seems to have disliked the use of manuscripts in the pulpit, and issued a decree to the University of Cambridge, dated 1674, in which he commands the preachers to deliver their sermons without books under penalty of his Majesty's displeasure. Yet Charles probably had in view *memoranda*, rather than *extempore*.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1844.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

CONTINUATION OF SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Received on trial—Isaac J. P. Collyer, G. W. Weeks, R. S. Rust, Loranus Crowell, J. T. Pattee, Nelson E. Cobleigh, C. L. Eastman, J. H. Twombly, W. R. Clark, Samuel Tupper, C. R. Foster, D. E. Chapin.

Leonard Frost was re-admitted.

D. S. King's relation was changed from Supernumerary to Supernumerary.

Daniel Fillmore agent of Wesleyan University reported that there was subscribed within the bounds of the N. E. and Providence Conferences, \$10,611.58; \$4,000 of which is paid. About 6,000 was subscribed within the bounds of the New England Conference.—Dr. Olin made a few pertinent remarks, stating the pressing necessities of the University, and its dependence upon the prompt and efficient efforts of the Conferences for its continued existence.

The report of the Committee on the Wesleyan University was read, which recommended that the members individually pledge themselves to pay the interest on \$5,000, until an agent should raise the principal.—Pledges were called for, and in a few moments, the interest on \$6,075 was pledged, and \$24 paid, some pledging the interest on \$200, some \$100, &c.

Committee on Building and Furnishing Parsonages reported. Their report may be expected in the Herald. Conference adjourned.

Br. E. T. Taylor preached in the evening from 1 Peter, v. 10, in his own peculiarly eloquent style.—Those who have heard Br. Taylor may form some conception of it, but to those who have never had that privilege it would be useless to describe it.

## SUNDAY 28.

The Sabbath was a day of peculiar and special interest. The exercises consisted in a prayer meeting at 5 o'clock, A. M., Lovefeast at 8 o'clock, preaching at 10 o'clock, by Bishop Jones, in the Methodist Church, and E. T. Taylor in the Congregational Church. Preaching at 2 o'clock by Dr. Olin, at 5 1/2 by Dr. Pitman, and in the evening a Temperance Address at the Congregational Church, by E. T. Taylor. The Lovefeast was marked by deep religious feeling and moving relations of some of the old fathers who have seen our Zion in its infancy.

I have attempted a sketch of Bishop Jones' sermon, premising that I endeavor to retain the ideas only, not making the author responsible for the phraseology in which it is expressed.

Jer. ix. 3.—"But they are not valiant for the truth." The enormity of the sin mentioned in the text is shown by its being specified among the numerous sins named in the context; its enormity is further seen by the punishment threatened. Theme—*Valor for the truth*. 1. Opposition to the truth. 2. Substance of the former dispensation; "The law came by Moses, but grace and truth by Jesus Christ." 3. Doctrines of the Gospel—Gal. iii. 1. 4. Entire Scriptures; "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." 5. Used to describe Jesus Christ. "I am the way, the truth and the life." 6. *Valor for the truth defined*. To be valiant for the truth is to be bold, dauntless and heroic. 1. To maintain distinctive truth. One reason of our fathers' success was their adherence to the distinctive doctrines of Justification, Sanctification, &c. 2. To maintain by teaching and practice all the precepts of the Gospel. Valor implies, 1, A knowledge of the truth. 2. That the truth be embraced with all the heart. 3. A profession of the truth. 4. An unyielding defense of the truth. III. Who are guilty of the sin in the text. 1. Those who will not learn the truth. 2. Those who will not profess the truth. 3. Those who do nothing, and give nothing for the truth. IV. What are the motives which should cause us to exercise valor for the truth? 1. Inevitability of the truth. 2. Because the truth has accomplished much. Has changed man's lost estate into one of hope: changed his condition and conduct. It has made men happy—happy in dying—made heaven's glories more glorious. It has taken our nature and glorified it in the person of Jesus Christ. It has associated men with angels, and multiplied the songs of heaven. 3. The victories of the truth accomplished by the Apostles, early Christians, &c. 4. Influence of examples of valor in the cause of the truth. Christ, Apostles, Luther, Wesley, our fathers. 5. God is with us and the Holy Ghost is our Helper. Application 1. To sinners. 2. To Christians. The discourse produced a deep, and we trust, lasting impression upon the large audience who heard it.

The Bishop proceeded to set apart eleven young men to the office of deacon in the church of Christ.—The effect of the sermon was more than sustained—it was deepened by this solemn ceremony. The candidates and most of the audience wept freely. We noticed with peculiar interest the countenances of two of our oldest ministers while each gazed upon a son under the ordaining hand of the Bishop. Their looks seemed to say, I have seen the great goodness of God in this thing; my heart's fondest desire concerning my son is accomplished. The sons were in tears, and one of the parents turned away weeping like a child.

The sermon in the afternoon by Dr. Olin was founded on 1 Cor. i. 23-25. I dare not lengthen this report by attempting any more sketches of sermons, though I had taken notes for that purpose. The Doctor held up the preaching of "Christ crucified" by illustrations, arguments and moving appeals to the heart, until "Christ crucified" seemed to us, if never before, the only subject worth preaching. Its intellectual character was worthy of its author, but it was forgotten in the spirit of childlike simplicity and unaffected holiness which pervaded it.

It is no small praise to bestow upon Dr. Pitman's sermon, to say it interested evidently the audience after most of them had been in the house about 8 hours in course of the day. It was founded on Isaian xxix. 17. After the discourse a missionary collection and subscriptions were taken up by the Westfield Society for their annual subscription, which amounted to \$133. They have raised in all this year about \$141. The weariness of the flesh forbade our hearing Br. Taylor's Temperance Address, but we know not how he could have had a higher compliment than was given him by a crowded audience in a house of the largest dimensions, from 8 to nearly 10 o'clock, after most of that audience had attended so protracted a public service.

This ended not only one of the best Conference Sabbaths, but one of the most profitable we ever experienced.

Z. A. MUDGE.

## MONDAY 29.

Br. Tippett, book agent, was introduced, and offered a few remarks on the state of the Book Concern.

A resolution was passed recommending a more general attention to kneeling in public worship, and ordered to be printed in the Herald.

Geo. Landon was added to the committee on the Wesleyan University.

The following brethren were introduced. Stockton and Kellogg, New York Conference; Lamberton and Alderman, Providence Conference; J. T. Peck and M. L. Scudder, Troy Conference; Bontecou, Ohio Conference. The Conference proceeded to the examination of character.

## TUESDAY, 30.

The Sabbath School Report was presented and ordered to be printed in the Herald. The readers will perceive that the report speaks of a favorable state of the cause, with the exception of the number of conversions, but very few being reported. We commend this part of the report to the attention of the superintendents and teachers, and would particularly request that it be a matter of discussion in the teacher's meeting, and more especially of humility and moving relations of some of the old fathers who have seen our Zion in its infancy.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. Mr. Beckwith, agent of the American Peace Society was introduced, and presented in a clear, conciliatory speech the claims of this Christian cause.

A resolution, concurring with a resolution of the New York Conference, to restore to the Discipline Mr. Wesley's rule on the use of ardent spirit, passed 75 agreeing—none dissenting.

Resolutions and a preamble from the Committee on Temperance, taking high ground on this subject, passed. They will appear among the published resolutions.

By a unanimous rising vote, the Conference extended an invitation to Bishop Hedding to take up his residence within our bounds. Bishop H. expressed his unabated attachment to New England, and his desire to make his home among us as soon as practicable. The same invitation was extended to Bishop Jones, who expressed in a feeling manner his pleasure at receiving the request, but could not at present comply.

Conference adjourned.

Conference Missionary Anniversary was held in the evening.

Rev. J. T. Peck, of the Troy Conference, who spoke at the General Conference in behalf of New England Methodists, is held in grateful remembrance by us, made the first speech. He observed, on rising, that his remarks were intended as a preface to those which were to follow, and it was expected that a preface would be short. His speech proved to be short and to the point. Bishop Jones followed, remarking, as he rose, that the *preface* was sometimes the best part of the book; at any rate, in this case he would have been pleased if it had been longer. The Bishop's remarks were pertinent and beautifully illustrated. Dr. Pitman followed, and collection was taken of \$172, making about \$305.00 raised during the Conference. No pledges for the coming year were called for, the brethren no doubt fully resolving to raise all the missionary privilege it would be useless to describe it.

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Report of the Preacher's Aid Society was received. It will be seen that the Society has received \$751.50. The committee stated that applications for relief had been made exceeding by more than \$200 their means. The small receipts of the Society called out two eloquent speeches from brethren E. T. Taylor and A. D. Merrill, setting forth the sacred claims of the old worn out and venerable fathers, whose trembling limbs admonish us that what is done for them must be done speedily. We wish the whole church could have heard these appeals, they would not fail to send up to the Conference a contribution from every member, as God has blessed them, and swell the treasurer's receipts from \$700 to \$3000 at least. There need not be a large contribution from any one person, only let every one give something. Can we answer a good conscience to God if we do not? Let an enlightened sense of duty answer.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the opening of the Conference, John W. Hardy signified his wish to withdraw from the M. E. Church. His name is returned withdrawn.

The Conference proceeded to consider the proposition of the General Conference to so alter the 6th restrictive rule as to permit a proportionate division of the property with the South in case of separation. J. Porter, J. T. Peck of the Troy Conference, Remington and King have given their reasons for concurrence; Adams, J. A. Merrill and Husted their reasons in opposition.

Leaving the Conference to jog along as it may in this debate, we will endeavor to give the reader a glance at our excellent place of assembling. The Westfield church is new, and one of the finest in the connection. It is 84 feet by 63, contains 116 pews, and will seat of course comfortably on the floor 700 people. There were at least 1000 crowded into it on the Sabbath. The internal arrangement is neat without extravagance, and in good architectural taste. In the only gallery, at the front end, the society have placed an organ of moderate size and rich tone, in the opinion of judges in such matters. We were about to let slip a decided opinion concerning this innovation upon Methodist practices, but recollecting that there are "many men of many minds," and that not a few of the correspondents of the Herald have a relish for controversy on these subjects, we forbear, without feeling any necessity of assuring our readers that they will not suffer very great loss in consequence. The basement contains an excellent lecture room, two stores, and a tenement for a small family, the rent of which is gradually removing the inconsiderable remaining debt. The congregation we understand is large, nearly all the pews being sold or rented, and the number in the church about 240. Upon the whole we do not fear that, in most respects which afford a people the means of usefulness; and, with ardent and uniform piety, which we trust they will ever seek as that indispensable qualification without which a church will become a hissing stock and a curse, they may spread the light and power of the gospel throughout this whole region.

After taking a glance at this pleasant village we will return to the Conference. Westfield is about ten miles west of Springfield, on the railroad route to Albany. The situation of the principal village is singularly beautiful, being nearly surrounded by a range of hills, forming a kind of basin which Indian tradition says was once the bed of a lake which broke away from its confinement on the east side and emptied itself into the Connecticut river. The gap in the hills on that side, its peculiar formation, and the interesting fact that trees are found in some places far below the surface of the ground, confirms this tradition. This location was a favorite resort of the Indians when "the wild fox dug his hole unscared," throughout this whole country, and no doubt he turned reluctantly away before the intrusive approach of the white man.

The people of Westfield have tasted a little of the sorrows of unsuccessful manufacturing speculations—A paper mill and a glass factory have successively been tried and failed. The leading business of the place now is the manufacturing of whips, which has been established nearly thirty years. We were informed that there were about 1000 female operatives employed in this business by the factories of this town, besides a large number of men. We invite those who think little skill is required in making a whip to visit Westfield and make an examination of the mode of operation, especially of a little machine—we like to have said of life and intelligence—which plait the coverings upon the whip handles. We should as soon think of describing, landsman as we are, the running rigging of a man-of-war. It does a neat piece of work without muddling, just as it is directed to do, and what could intelligence do more? Soberly, the sight of it is worth a trip all the way from Boston to those who are curious in these matters. It is equal in ingenuity to any piece of machinery we ever saw, not excepting that *witch of a thing* at Lowell which makes wire teeth cards pretty much on its own responsibility. What if these machines should set up for themselves by and

by! there would be a sorry competition with the hand-work operations! It is true they are getting amazingly independent of their owner's interference.

The New England Conference Anti-Slavery Society held its anniversary Tuesday evening. We will not anticipate by any remarks the full report of the secretary of the meeting.

## WEDNESDAY, 31.

Conference continued the consideration of the alteration of the 6th restrictive rule. After a little debate, the previous question was moved, and the question taken by yeas and nays. Yes, 52; nays, 22.

Following brethren were received on trial, in addition to those hitherto reported. W. A. Braman, Homer Clark, Wm. Bardwell, R. P. Buffington. Benj. Payne's name was again put upon the superannuated list.

The Conference was occupied the remaining part of the session in passing resolutions and hearing reports, which we need not further notice, as they will be published so far as interesting to the public.

We were ready for adjournment towards the close of the afternoon. Bishop Hedding offered a few remarks, after which Bishop Jones arose with feelings which he evidently tried in vain to suppress. He remarked that this was the most burdened and responsible hour of his life, yet full of causes of gratitude.—The whole scene of this Conference, their kindness, its new and trying duties would be as clearly impressed upon his mind until the day of his death as the circumstances of his conversion. He affectionately addressed the younger members of the Conference, spoke of his own and the presiding elders' anxiety in making the appointments, and his solicitude that they should prove for the good of the church. Br. Joseph A. Merrill then led in a fervent address to the throne of Grace, commanding us, in our work, to the grace of God; after which Bishop Jones read in a distinct voice our appointments, amid the profoundest silence, and we scattered for a season—by the blessing of God—of unequalled success in winning souls.

## Z. A. MUDGE.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Wm. D. Case, P. E.

Dover—Jacob Stevens.

Groton—Samuel W. Adams.

Middlebury—Owen C. Baker.

Milton—Jas. M. Young.

Tyngsborough and Wakefield—Wm. Padman, J. Emer-

son.

Portsmouth—Elisha Adams.

Newington—Samuel Hoyt.

Durham—Ezekiel Adams.

Barrington and Northwood—John Smith, 2d.

Newmarket—Samuel Kelley.

South Newmarket—H. N. Taplin.

Epping—M. Newhall.

Poplin—To be supplied.

Kingston—Caleb Dustin.

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## DONATION VISIT TO REV. PHINEAS CRANDALL.

At the last Preachers' Meeting on this District, it was suggested that as Br. Crandall was about closing his term of service as Presiding Elder among us, it would be gratifying to his friends to greet him in a social gathering at his house, for the purpose of bestowing marks of their confidence and esteem: accordingly Br. True of Worcester and Jackson of Millbury were appointed a committee of arrangement. The time fixed upon was the 17th of July. Providence smiled upon us—the weather was fine, and by 3 o'clock Mr. Crandall a large company had assembled with happy hearts, to cheer the truly delightful residence of our beloved friend.

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## AMP-MEETING.

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J. D. BRIDGE, Sec.

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Boston, July 24, 1844. G. W. S.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

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E. B. C. Carter, 1000	1000	1000
From Falmouth, 1000	1000	1000
E. B. Bradford, 1000	1000	1000
L. Bates, 1000	1000	1000
J. D. Bradburn, 1000	1000	1000
From Tanton, 1000	1666	1666
F. New London, 1000	3256	500
S. B. Brewster, 1000	3500	1000
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C. A. Carpenter, 1000	1000	1000
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L. Davis, 1000	1000	1000
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From Fall River, 2000 of which is to make Rev. Thomas E. T. Smith a life member of the So- ciety, 1000	16504	1000
W. Emerson, 1000	3720	1000
E. C. Evans—From Centerville, 2 of which from S. Sch.,	2000	1000
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J. G. Goodrich, 1000	1000	1000
From Holmes' Head, 1000	8000	1000
F. Gavit, — From Pawtucket, A. Gardner—From Mansfield, R. G. Green, 1000	12000	1000
From Newport, 1000	5925	1000
J. Howson, 1000	1000	1000
From Danversville, 3200—M. G. Lip- pett, 1000; J. Dexter & E. Barlingham, 1000 each; J. Rowell, L. Spencer, L. Porter, 1000 each; C. Child, and L. D. Talbot, 1000 each; 3 ladies, 5000, 1000, 2500,	2000	1000
L. Lovett, — From Phoenix, 2000; from Natick, 516, 2 rings sold, 1000	2000	1000
A. H. May, 1000	1000	1000
From E. Providence—Sal- School, 5000; March Brigg, 3000; monthly col., 34, 07.	1000	1000
T. M. May, 1000	1000	1000
W. Holmes—From Province- town, 3000; from Hull, 11, 50.	1000	1000
H. W. Providence, 2000 of which to make him a life member of P. Soc. From S. Lamberton—In N. Norwicb, L. Lovett, — From Norwich, J. Lovett, — From New Bedford, Elm St., Infant S. School, 1000	1000	1000
P. B. T. Sandford, to educate him in A. name for him.	1000	1000
M. Leffingwell—From Uncas- ville, — From Grafton, C. S. Macreadie, 1000	1000	1000
J. Mathews—From Hebron, E. Mudge, 1000	1000	1000
E. Mungier—From Woonsocket, R. H. Mulligan, 1000	1000	1000
N. W. Bridgewater, S. Packard, J. H. Reynolds, and L. Carr, 1000 each	1000	1000
C. Noble, 1000	1000	1000
M. D. Worcester, 1000	1000	1000
H. A. Newton, 1000	1000	1000
S. Smithfield, 1000	1000	1000
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Z. L. Beal, C. Beal, S. Beal, and M. R. Ripley, 1000	1000	1000
J. Johnson, E. Nichols, J. Barnes, C. Beal, N. Beal, Elizabeth Beal and Eliza Beal, 30 sets, each	1000	1000
J. Parker, 1000	1000	1000
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Fair Haven, — From Nantucket, C. W. Turner—In E. Hartford, F. W. Townsend, — From Provincetown, G. W. Steers, From Barnstable, 1000	1000	1000
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## POETRY.

For Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Journal.

The golden sun was fast declining in  
The western horizon; and its fair beams  
Cast a soft, mellown light far o'er the plains  
Of mighty Babylon; while from the hills  
The shepherds came, with their vast bleating flocks,  
Here rolled the deep Euphrates in its power,  
And in the distance might be seen the vances,  
And by the water's side there sat a group  
Whose sad and mournful aspect showed that they  
Were men of sorrow. And upon the boughs  
Of the fair weeping willows hung their harps;  
And their deep grief gave vent in accents full  
Of pungent sorrow.

"O Jerusalem,  
I never will efface thee from my heart,  
And in my bosom thy fond love shall reign,  
Long as I draw the vital breath of life;  
Until my hand shall lose her cinnamon, and  
My mind be tortured with wild frenzy, or  
This lump of clay be cold in death,  
Shall I forget thee, city of my God."

When they remembered Zion, then they wept,  
For 'twas the place where once they worshipped God,  
But now it was in dust and ashes lain  
Beneath a heathen tyrant's dread rod.

LYMAN W. DINSMORE.

Royton, Vt., July 28, 1844.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

NATHANIEL PATRIDGE died in Littleton, N. H., May 29, aged 76 years. He was converted to God in 1820, and soon joined the M. E. Church, of which he remained a worthy member until his death. His end was peaceful. During his protracted confinement to the house, of more than a year, he was patient and submissive. His soul was stedfast upon God, and there he found support.

N. Littleton, July 27, 1844. S. P. WILLIAMS.

SISTER EMILY R., daughter of Widow Nancy Gilman, of Hollowell, Me., sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of the 13th inst., aged 25. She was received into the M. E. Church in 1837, and remained a worthy member until called to the church triumphant. The last five years of her life were years of extreme suffering, but the power of entire sanctification made her triumphant in suffering. A more calm, patient, triumphant, holy Christian I never saw. Of course her end was peace; it could not have been otherwise, as the termination of a life so devoted to God. Christian, would you die like her? like her live in a state of constant consecration to God. D. B. RANDALL.

Hallowell, Me., July 25, 1844.

## CHILD'S DEPARTMENT.

## LEARNING TO THINK.

"Here, Charles! Stop a moment, will you? I want to speak to you."

"I can't awhile now, Henry; for I havn't had a run with my hoop a long time."

"But I want to tell you something. Here! I havn't seen you since you came back from the country. Your iron hoop runs along this hard ground capitally. Can you tell what it is that makes it go along so famously?"

"What is it? To be sure I can. It is my stick. The harder I hit it, the faster it goes."

"But hit this post as hard as you like with your stick, and it will not stir from the place where it stands."

"No! that is because it is stuck fast in the ground."

"Yonder is a post lying down in the road; hit them, then, with your stick, and see if it will run along like your hoop."

"I know it will not, because it is so heavy; it is no use to hit that."

"Well, then, here is my pocket handkerchief; let us see how you can knock that along. Surely that will not be too heavy for you."

"No; but it will be too light though! The handkerchief would not run along at all."

"The post is too heavy, and the pocket handkerchief is too light; you are hard to please: but suppose I put a big stone in the handkerchief, and make it heavier, you will bow it along then with your stick?"

"No, that I could not."

"And why not?"

"Why, because—because it would not run along at all."

"But can you tell me the reason why it will not run along at all?"

"No! I can't; I never thought about it."

"I dare say not; for we boys seldom do think about any thing, but our play, unless we are obliged to do it. But now let me tell you what I wanted to say to you."

"Ay, do, and then I'll be off again for yonder is Edward Palmer with his hoop; and I want to join him. What is it?"

"Why, do you know, that I am learning to think?"

"Learning to think! I never heard of such a thing!"

"I dare say not; but for all that, I only wish that I had begun years ago. I have learned more the last three months than I did all last year, I am sure."

"But where's the good of learning to think?"

"Where's the good? What a question! But I dare say that I should have asked it myself three months ago, and therefore I ought not to be surprised at you. If people had not thought about things, we now enjoy; the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, have all been the subjects of much thought; ay, and our very plays too. Why does the peg-top spin, the ball bounce, the hummer-top make a noise, and the kite fly in the air? I hardly think you can answer me one of these questions. Now, if you had learned to think, you would be able to answer them all."

"Should I?"

"Yes, that you would; but instead of being able to answer them now, you cannot tell me, I dare say, why a battole will not fly in the air as well as a kite. It is something of the same form; why will it not rise in the air?"

"It's too heavy, a great deal."

"Too heavy! Why a large kite is as heavy as two battoles; so that cannot be the reason."

"I can't say, then!"

"And for that very reason you should learn to think. Now, try to find out why your kite does not go up higher in the air when you have let out all your string."

"Because the string holds it fast, and keeps it from going up higher."

"Then, how is it, if your string breaks, instead of your kite going up higher, it comes tumbling down directly?"

"I can't tell that, I am sure. Can you?"

"Yes, I can, and a hundred other things that, three months ago, I knew nothing about. I am older than you, and ought to know more; but if you would learn to think, what is now hard for you to understand would soon become easy. Thinking people have a great advantage over others, for they are much wiser; they can give better advice, and assist others; for they know the best way of doing things, and the proper time when to do them. If you wanted to know how many grains of corn there are in a bag of wheat, how should you find it out?"

"Count them, to be sure."

"That would be one way, but not the way a thinking person would set about it. Why, if you counted two hundred every minute, and kept it up day and night for a whole week, you would hardly be able to get through your task."

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"How would you set about it then? It's a puzzle to me how it could be done without counting."

"I would first weigh an ounce of wheat out of the bag, and count the number of grains in that ounce. Then I would weigh the whole bag together to see how many ounces there were in all. If, after that, I multiplied the number of grains in one by the number of ounces in the whole bag, it would give me the exact amount of grains altogether; and this might be done, if a large pair of scales were near, in ten minutes or a quarter of an hour."

"I should never have thought of that plan, however; but what's the use of learning to count the grains in a bag of wheat?"

"Just the same use as there is in learning to do a sum; it teaches us to reckon in the quickest and best way. There would be no good in a boy's learning the alphabet, only that it enables him to read afterward, and there would be but little advantage in learning to write copies in a copy-book, if it did not fit us to write letters, bills of parcels, and all other things, all through our lives."

"Well, that plan of counting the grains is a capital one."

"It was not hit upon without thought, depend upon it. Some time ago, I heard a thoughtless cottager, who, to save a crop of grass that had grown on the old thatch of his cottage, was trying all manner of contrivances to get a cow that belonged to him up to the roof of his cottage to eat the grass."

"And how did he manage it at last?"

"Why, a neighbor of his, who had learned to think, told him, that though he could not get the cow up to the grass, yet he might, perhaps, manage to cut the grass, and bring it down to the cow; and that plan was adopted without difficulty."

"Ah! ah! ah! What a foolish cottager he must have been!"

"He had never learned to think. I read a story yesterday about a mischievous monkey that, after doing much damage, ran up a thin, tall tree, and took shelter in the top branches. Two men undertook to catch him. One of them had learned to think, and the other had not. The thoughtless man climbed up the tree as far as he could; but he was obliged to come down again, for the thin branches would not bear his weight. The thinker then stepped forward, but instead of climbing the tree, he set work busily with his axe, and soon brought down the tree and the mischievous monkey to the ground."

"Capital! capital! So poor pug was taken at last. I begin to have a notion, that 'learning to think' is a capital thing, and I should like to talk a little more with you about it another time."

"Well, then, be off with your hoop now, for I see that Palmer is waiting for you. No doubt, I shall see you to-morrow, and then 'learning to think' shall be the subject of our conversation."—London Child's Companion.

## SELECTIONS.

## RICHARD CECIL.

We gave a condensed biographical notice recently of Sir William Jones, and we now extract another, not less interesting, of a man greatly distinguished for his piety and usefulness, and well known to American as well as English readers.—

He was born in London, in 1784, and his mother was a "dissenter of real piety." He became a distinguished minister of the Gospel, and from the many interesting portions of his history, we select the following, as being of special interest to parents:

Richard Cecil, of London, when but a young man, had pursued a bold and determined career, till sunk in sin, hardening himself in infidelity, and instilling the same principles into others, there seemed no prospect of any change. His excellent mother, however, had performed her part, and remembered that it was good, not only to pray always, but to fast or deprive us of any account. At last, one night he lay contemplating the case of his mother:

"I see," said he within himself, "two unquestionable facts: first, My mother is greatly afflicted in circumstances, body, and mind; and yet I see that she cheerfully bears up under all, by the support she derives from constantly repairing to her closet and her Bible; secondly, That she has a secret spring of comfort, of which I know nothing; while I, who give an unbound loose to my appetites, and seek pleasure by every means, seldom or ever find it. If, however, there is such a secret in religion, why may I not find it as well as my mother?"—He instantly rose and began to pray, but was soon damped, by recollecting that much of his mother's comfort seemed to arise from her faith in Christ. Now, thought he, "this Christ I have ridiculed; He stands much in my way, and will turn me out of my way."

"But don't trouble me, doctor," said he. "I hope I shall pop off before night. There's no room for me in the world."

The doctor said something kind to him, and he went on, speaking brokenly, and with great difficulty:

"I couldn't go to the almshouse, for I hear it's full. I can get no work, if I was ever so well—people don't have their shoes mended now, I believe. I have no pleasure in life at the best."

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